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House Bill _____
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A RESOLUTION to honor the Tennessee School for the Deaf
upon their sesquicentennial anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the elected representatives of the state of Tennessee should honor those exceptional educational institutions that are approaching significant milestones in their rich history; and

WHEREAS, established by an act of the General Assembly on June 29, 1844, the Tennessee School for the Deaf opened its doors for classes in June of 1845 with six students; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee School for the Deaf is a leader in the education of deaf children in Tennessee and in the nation as they assist individuals in mastering the language of the larger society in which they live and address the effects of resulting communication limitations on many other aspects of their development; and

WHEREAS, each year the Tennessee School for the Deaf educates more than 200 hearing-impaired students and, since its inception in 1845, the school can be credited with serving more than 5,300 of Tennessee's deaf children; and

WHEREAS, providing quality academic and vocational training and residential care, the school helps students develop life skills so they may interact fully with and manipulate their environment in meaningful ways; and

WHEREAS, this important educational center is also well-known for its spirited athletic competition and incomparable sportsmanship; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee School for the Deaf provides hearing-impaired children with not only the basics, but also serves as an essential vehicle for cultural infusion; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee School for the Deaf graduates are known for becoming responsible and contributing members of our society; and

WHEREAS, upon their sesquicentennial anniversary, it is highly appropriate that we should honor the Tennessee School for the Deaf, TSD faculty, administration, students, and alumni as they have succeeded in providing quality public education to those individuals with unique patterns of strengths and weaknesses; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate the Tennessee School for the Deaf on their outstanding educational efforts and we join with them in celebrating their 150th anniversary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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